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1. European Network of Policewomen

Special, 1996

Introduction

The European Network of Policewomen strives for a diverse and professional police service and particularly addresses the position of women within European police organizations in order to further develop the fundamental values of Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to raise awareness of the benefit of having more women within the police on both the operational and management levels and also to empower those women who are already working in policing. The Network has extended its initial aim to optimize the position of women within the European police and law enforcement organizations with the issues of gender mainstreaming and the management of diversity.

Significant changes in the organization

The funding of the system has not changed. At present police organizations from 18 European countries are represented in the Network.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- March 2008, at the European Police College: gender awareness lecture in the framework of the course "Changes in EU society — consequences for human resources management", German Police High School, Münster, Germany.
- April 2008: International Association of Chiefs of Police European Conference, Istanbul, Turkey. Participation of board members in conference. President invited as panel speaker.
- May 2008: international police executive symposium in Cincinnati, USA. President invited as panel speaker.
- September 2008: International Association of Women Police, Darwin, Australia. President invited as panel speaker.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The reduction of a large part of the structural income of the organization has forced it to reduce and focus its activities in Europe. As a consequence, the Network has not been able to send participants to United Nations meetings. However United Nations information received is regularly disseminated and used in lectures and seminars.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Network has contributed to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women through participation in various activities:

- In March 2009 and March 2010 in seminars commemorating International Women's Day (8 March) and participation in a discussion on the European experiences of gender equality in the field of security in Barcelona, Spain.

- In March 2011 in a seminar commemorating International Women's Day on "Women police — the international view". Conference organized by the Police Academy in Lower Saxony, Germany. Participation in a round table on equality in the police force and exchanging best practices.
- Participation in other conferences and seminars. April 2009: International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) European conference in Tallinn. October 2010: participation in IACP in Orlando, Florida, United States of America, where the Vice-President was represented at the International Policing Division Steering Committee (IPDSC). December 2010: participation in the seventh International Internal Security and Law Enforcement Conference, "Looking for smart power for European safety", organized by the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences and the Estonian Ministry of the Interior.

2. Federation of Jain Associations in North America

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Federation of Jain Associations in North America is an umbrella organization consisting of over 70 regular and associate memberships in North America. The Federation represents a population of over 150,000 people in the United States and Canada. It partners with other charitable trusts, foundations and organizations to accomplish its objectives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To assist and promote charitable and humanitarian community service activities in North America and worldwide.
- To provide and promote academic and cultural inter-exchange and cooperation.
- To foster cordial relationships with interfaith or multi-faith organizations.
- To aim for world peace through peaceful resolution of conflicts among diverse communities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The Federation has planned and implemented annual medical camps to address women's health issues, including HIV education and pre- and post-natal care for women of childbearing age.
- It organizes periodic vision and glaucoma screenings and cataract surgery camps to help prevent blindness.
- In an effort to eliminate child labour and implement the Millennium Development goal of primary and secondary schooling, it has planned and organized a "food for education" programme for young children by offering before and after-school meals. In addition, it offers grain to families on a needs basis.

- In an effort to promote gender equality, especially among physically challenged people, the Federation has conducted several mobility camps to help physically challenged children and adults to achieve their respective goals of receiving education and being able to earn a living.
- It has an ongoing programme of publications, seminars, training sessions and discussions to disseminate information about its aims and objectives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation is an entirely volunteer-based organization with administration costs of less than 5 per cent. However, geographic location and time constraints have prevented its leaders from participating in scheduled meetings. The goal in the next 12 months is to improve the direct participation of the Federation in meetings organized by the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Federation has actively cooperated with the United Nations via its partner organizations. When planning and implementing projects with its partner organizations, it always keeps in mind the Millennium Development Goals.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Federation has taken the initiative to work with many charitable and reputable organizations and to form partnerships to carry out its missions and activities on a needs basis.

Additional information

The Federation has a history of over 27 years of providing humanitarian services throughout the world, especially recovery and community development projects after natural disasters.

3. Finnish Youth Cooperation

Special, 2004

Introduction

Finnish Youth Cooperation — known in Finland by the name of Allianssi — is an umbrella organization for Finnish youth organizations (National Youth Council of Finland). It is a national service and advocacy organization for youth work. Allianssi works with young people to promote justice, equality, equal treatment, participation and anti-discrimination. It aims to work cooperatively, including everybody, promoting dialogue, sharing information and embracing multiple values. It is a non-governmental, non-profit organization, independent of any political and denominational affiliation. Membership is open to all democratic nationwide organizations dealing with youth issues. Allianssi not only provides a discussion forum for its members and exercises influence over youth policy with the authorities, but also provides a wide range of services.

Finnish Youth Cooperation offers educational services to local youth workers and organizations. The educational provision varies from organizational economics

through multicultural education to training on street work. Allianssi also runs a youth research library. Its collections include research literature and other publications which deal with young people. The collection contains some 15,000 publications and 250 volumes of journals and reviews. Allianssi aims to encourage young people to become responsible members of society and to help them participate in decision-making processes and international activities. It serves youth organizations and the field of youth work as a whole. It accepts the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights as the basis of its operations.

Together with the Advisory Council for Youth Affairs, Allianssi has arranged shadow elections since 1995 for young people between 15 and 18. The shadow elections are held during other national elections, such as the presidential and local elections. In 2010, it coordinated an employment programme for youth which succeeded in employing over 1,000 young people in Finland. It has been involved with the Finnish Youth Work strategy since its beginning. Its international policy and activities are coordinated by the Board and the international committee. Presently the main emphasis in Allianssi's work is on the promotion of youth participation and youth rights at the national and international levels.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Every year, Allianssi selects a United Nations youth delegate together with the Finnish United Nations Association. The youth delegate is a member of the official delegation of Finland to the General Assembly and other relevant committees, such as the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women. This procedure has been going on for over 10 years. Allianssi has been following the implementation in Finland of the World Programme of Action for Youth and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Both of these agreements are the basis of its work. Allianssi organizes regular consultations with its members about issues concerning youth. The main advocacy tools are contacts with the Ministry of Youth and other ministries in Finland, the United Nations programmes on youth and various youth representatives to the General Assembly. Other main forums for international cooperation are, for example, international coordination meetings of youth organizations, the European Youth Forum, the Council of Europe and the youth activities of the European Union. During the International Year of Youth in 2010 and 2011, Allianssi hosted United Nations youth champion Monique Coleman in Helsinki from 26 to 29 May and organized an open seminar for young people on the issue of youth policy and the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the years being reported upon, the Finnish United Nations youth delegate, as selected by Allianssi, has participated as part of the official delegation of Finland in the General Assembly. In 2011, Allianssi's youth climate delegate was a member of the Finnish delegation to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban, South Africa. Allianssi also selected the Finnish delegate to the Youth Forum of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2009 and 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Allianssi has organized side events together with the Permanent Representation of Finland to the United Nations and the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO) regarding youth policy and volunteering, in which various United Nations agencies and programmes have been invited to take part. These include in 2009 a side event at the Commission for Social Development on volunteering, at which representatives of the United Nations Programme on Youth, UNESCO and United Nations Volunteers took part as panellists. In 2011, Allianssi contributed a written statement to the work of the round table discussion on youth, peace and security, held on 30 and 31 January 2012 at the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in New York.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Allianssi supports the Millennium Development Goals in its work, however no specific projects were undertaken regarding the Goals during the years reported upon.

4. Foundation ECPAT International

Special, 2004

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On 25 and 26 October 2010 in Bangkok, Foundation ECPAT International (known as ECPAT) organized and hosted a follow-up meeting to the third World Congress against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, State and civil society representatives and representatives of youth, law enforcement, the private sector and academia gathered to review progress in the implementation of the Rio Declaration and Call for Action to Prevent and Stop Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, two years after the third World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The ECPAT regional associate for Africa participated in the West Africa forum on violence against children from 31 August to 3 September 2010 in Accra. More than 150 children, youth and adults from Africa and abroad took part in the forum, as well as participants from ECPAT, Save the Children, Plan International, World Vision, War Child Holland, ActionAid and UNICEF, as well as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children.
- ECPAT participated in the Human Rights Council annual day of discussion on children's rights in Geneva in March 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- The ECPAT regional associate for Africa travelled to Geneva for a pre-session meeting on 22 and 23 June 2011 with the Committee on the Rights of the Child after leading the national consultation process to compile the alternative report for Togo on the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- ECPAT was also represented at the review of Thailand by the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva in October 2011.
- ECPAT submitted a substantial contribution to the second draft of general comment No. 13 (2011) of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence.
- ECPAT submitted its first contributions under the universal periodic review for Belgium, Denmark, Nepal and Mozambique in 2010; and for India, Brazil, Indonesia, South Africa, the Netherlands, Poland and the Philippines in 2011.
- ECPAT submitted an alternative report to the initial report of Belarus on the implementation of the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. Belarus was under review during the fifty-sixth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in January and February 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Together with UNICEF and the Government of Brazil, ECPAT organized the third World Congress against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, which represents part of the process of periodic review of global progress on work against sexual exploitation of children. The Congress, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was critical in keeping issues concerning the commercial sexual exploitation of children high on government agendas. As in the past, ECPAT worked with UNICEF on the preparations for the event, which was attended by 5,000 participants from over 180 States between 25 and 28 November 2008.
- ECPAT participated in and contributed to the 26th meeting of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Task Force for the Protection of Children in Tourism, held at the International Tourism Board in Berlin on 11 and 12 March 2011 and the first International Congress on Ethics and Tourism, held on 15 and 16 September 2011 in Madrid.
- Since 2009, ECPAT has been a member of the "Child online project" led by the International Telecommunication Union, which was established as an international collaborative network for action to promote the online protection of children worldwide by providing guidance on safe online behaviour in conjunction with other United Nations agencies and partners.
- In 2010, ECPAT contributed as an expert member of the working group set up by the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence for consultations on child online protection, looking at the convergence of online and offline offences and behaviour. The report was published by UNICEF in 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- In September 2011, representatives from European ECPAT groups and ECPAT International handed over to the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the President of the Human Rights Council the campaign petition organized by ECPAT and the Body Shop to stop sex trafficking of children and young people. The petition was signed by more than 7 million people around the world and is the largest human rights petition ever presented to the United Nations.

- The ECPAT Youth Partnership Programme seeks to ensure children's right to actively and meaningfully participate in social change and work against the commercial sexual exploitation of children as legitimate social actors, partners and rights holders, rather than as welfare beneficiaries.

5. Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief, was founded in 1992 by a group of charitable people to extend humanitarian aid to Bosnia during the war years. The Foundation aims to reach every region hit by war, disasters, poverty and human rights abuses and believes that civilian initiatives play a complementary role to intervention by States and international organizations in resolving humanitarian problems.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Motivated by an awareness of the universal brotherhood of humanity, the Foundation aims to ensure justice for mankind and the dignity of every person and to provide all who are in need, or who are oppressed, with humanitarian aid, wherever they may be; and to work towards eliminating the violation of basic human rights and liberties and ensure the continuation of immutable values. The purposes of the Foundation are to create an environment in which communities and individuals who are affected by war and natural disasters will be able to support themselves and, by acting as a leader in aid work, its goal is to nurture a collective consciousness and to establish cooperation between countries and organizations worldwide; strengthen individuals and institutions in societies that are in need of aid; reach affected regions at the moment of crisis; produce permanent solutions with permanent projects; contribute to the elimination of poverty; and establish social justice.

Significant changes in the organization

In March 2009, the Foundation signed a code of conduct for humanitarian aid organizations. It was granted the status of non-profit organization by the Council of Ministers as per the Association Law, Law of Foundations, on 4 April 2011. By the end of 2007, the Foundation was operating in 100 countries and regions and by the end of 2011, it had reached 135 countries and territories.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2008, the Foundation contributed $50,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its food project in the Gaza Strip.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): annual consultations with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), 25 to 27 June 2008 in Geneva.

- UNHCR partners coordination meeting on social assistance, 7 July 2008, Ankara.
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations forum, 6 to 7 April 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- UNHCR annual consultations with NGOs, 27 June to 3 July 2009 in Geneva.
- Human Rights Council meetings on 2 March and 21 March 2011 in Geneva.
- Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 9 to 13 May in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, humanitarian partnership forum "Sharaka" on Libya, 6 June 2011 in Cairo.
- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, second annual workshop on information sharing for better humanitarian action, 12 and 13 September 2011 in Kuwait City.
- International conference on the "Hope For" initiative: improving the effectiveness and coordination of military and civil defence assets for natural disaster response, 27 to 29 November 2011 in Doha.
- Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, cooperation for Syria and Yemen, 17 December 2011 in Cairo.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

On 14 June 2008, a memorandum of understanding with the UNHCR representation in Turkey to help refugees in Turkey was signed in Istanbul and a joint symposium on refugees was held in cooperation with UNHCR.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- End poverty and hunger: emergency food aid was distributed in 33 countries at a cost of $740,000. Food was distributed during Ramadan in 88 countries at a cost of $1.7 million. Meat was distributed in 96 countries at a cost of $5 million.
- Universal education: orphan care and educational programmes in 27 countries; vocational training programmes in 8 countries; construction and renovation of schools in 11 countries; summer courses in 8 countries; workshops in 5 countries; accommodation for students in 3 countries; education centres and complexes in 7 countries; scholarship programmes in 10 countries; family school project in Germany.
- Child health: cataract operations for children in 5 countries; circumcisions for Muslim communities in 9 countries; medicines for children in 3 countries; medical screenings in Georgia and Haiti; mobile health-care container in Iraq.
- Maternal health: maternity centres built in 5 countries.
- Environmental sustainability: 1,658 shallow water wells opened in 16 countries at a cost of $2,072,500.

6. Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research

Special, 2008

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research contributes to fostering peace and reconciliation/mediation by calling for international reconciliation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 64th annual United Nations Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, Bonn, Germany, 4 September 2011.
- 61st annual United Nations Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, Paris, September 2008.
- Panellist at the Department of Public Information NGO briefing entitled "Sustainable peace through reconciliation" on 29 May 2009.
- Lunch event at United Nations Headquarters on the theme of implementing the International Year of Reconciliation in 2009; organizing an NGO round table at the United Nations Office at Vienna, 19 November 2010.
- "Reconciliation beyond 2000": making oral and written statements and drafting resolutions, such as the proposal for a decade of reconciliation, New York, February 2008.
- Forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, from 9 to 18 February 2011: written statement on the St. Martin philosophy of sharing a world vision to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
- Ergosoma health-care programme as best practice at the Economic and Social Council innovation fair on 2 and 3 July 2008.
- Interactive hearings of the General Assembly, 14 and 15 June 2010.
- Commission on the Status of Women, fifty-second to fifty-fifth sessions, 2008 to 2011.
- Six representatives and a youth representative attended the 61st annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference from 3 to 5 September 2008 on the theme: "Reaffirming human rights: the Universal Declaration at 60" at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.
- Two representatives attended the Civil Society Development Forum of the Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva on 27 and 28 October 2008.
- Two representatives attended the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 2 to 13 March 2009.
- Four representatives attended the high-level hearing on non-communicable diseases at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 14 and 15 June 2010.

- A representative attended the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development from 9 to 18 February 2011 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- A representative attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women from 22 February to 4 March 2011 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.
- Two representatives attended the informal interactive hearing on non-communicable diseases on 16 June 2011 and the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 19 and 20 September 2011.
- Twenty-three representatives attended the 64th annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference on the theme of "Sustainable societies; responsive citizens", in Bonn, Germany from 3 to 5 September 2011.

7. Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture

General, 2001

Introduction

The Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture is a private, non-profit organization and works for human development and the promotion of culture. It works in the following geographical areas:

- The Middle East and North Africa region represents 54 per cent of the resources devoted to development and cooperation. The Foundation works in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- In Latin America, representing 18 per cent of the total assigned to development, the Foundation works in Bolivia (Plurinational State of), the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Peru.
- In Africa, representing 17 per cent of its total development resources, the Foundation gives priority to the educational and health sectors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ethiopia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation works to promote a culture of solidarity focused on mankind and on the urgent need to achieve a more dignified and better quality of life, work, freedom and social involvement for all individuals. Within the broad aim of improving the abilities of each person, the Foundation advocates support for education as an engine of development which will create wealth and lead to social involvement. Its work is focused on three strategic fields: (a) cooperation for development aimed at strengthening the capacities of countries and mobilizing domestic resources; (b) cultural and educational cooperation aimed at encouraging institutional and economic support for educational activities and the promotion of cultural values; (c) volunteer work and social action aimed at promoting civil values and a responsible and aware citizenship.

Significant changes in the organization

During the last four years the Foundation has strengthened partnerships with local partners. Its work with civil society has led to the creation of alliances aimed at enhancing the partnership between North and South, including with the network of NGOs for the development of Latin American countries and the network of NGOs involving civil society organizations from countries in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. In 2008, the Foundation established the Centre for Studies of the Middle East, a non-profit organization that conducts research and analysis in areas such as political strategy, cultural understanding and peacebuilding. The Centre has held several international seminars, the conclusions and papers of which are published on its website at www.cemofpsc.org.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- On 25 and 26 November 2008, the Centre organized an international seminar in Madrid on the theme of "Development cooperation and NGOs working in the Middle East conflict zone".
- On 25 November 2009, the Centre organized an international seminar in Madrid on women and human rights and education in the Middle East and North Africa region.
- On 25 November 2010, the Foundation organized an international seminar in Madrid on women and labour laws and work-family life balance in the Middle East and North Africa region.
- On 6 June 2011, the Centre organized an international seminar in Madrid on the theme of "The transition in the new Arab world: a challenge for East and West" and a booklet of the conclusions was issued.
- Between 2008 and 2011, representatives of the Foundation attended several forums organized by the Economic and Social Council in New York and by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In 2010: oral and written statements at the high-level segment of the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council on gender equality and environmental sustainability in the development agenda of the Middle East (E/2010/NGO/76).
- In 2011: oral and written statements at the high-level segment of the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council on working in the education sector in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and challenges regarding the implementation of Millennium Development Goal 2 in 2015 (E/2011/NGO/30).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- From 26 to 29 April 2011: round table on education in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and progress and obstacles in achieving universal primary education. Representatives from the United Nations, the Palestinian Authority, the University of Bethlehem and Spanish experts in the education sector discussed major challenges of the Palestinian education system.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Planning and development of ecotourism in Hoa Binh, Vietnam, from 2006 to 2012, with 11,000 farmer households.
- Social integration of people with disabilities in the Middle East and North Africa region through accessibility in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic, 2010 to 2014, with 8,000 people participating in the project.
- Water management in agriculture to ensure food safety in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Jordan. Approximately 1,000 farmers will participate in the project from 2010 to 2014.
- Improving the quality of education through training 1,500 school teachers and building two secondary schools in the public system in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2010 to 2014.
- Improving the quality of education in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, 2010 to 2014: 31,700 school teachers will have been trained.
- Round table in Madrid on water in the Occupied Palestinian Territory on World Water Day, 21 March 2011.
- Round table in Madrid on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 1 December 2011.

8. Fraternité Notre Dame

Special, 1996

Introduction

Fraternité Notre Dame is a Catholic religious and charitable organization. It has been an NGO associated with the Department of Public Information since 1994 and was granted special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 1996. It is a member of the NGO Committee on UNICEF. It was founded in 1971 by the Most Reverend Bishop Jean Marie. In 2007, he received the Martin Luther King Jr. racial harmony award from the Congress of Racial Equality. In 1998 and 2004, he was honoured with the Paul Harris Fellow award from Rotary International.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of Fraternité Notre Dame is to help anyone in need, with no distinction of race, class, gender or religious creed. Fraternité Notre Dame works in the United States (Chicago, New York and San Francisco) and in other countries, such as France, Haiti, Martinique, Mongolia and Niger, operating schools, orphanages, health clinics and soup kitchens and providing assistance to AIDS patients. Fraternité Notre Dame operates disaster relief interventions in distressed countries: Romania (1992), Rwanda (1994), Kosovo (1998), El Salvador (2001), Haiti (2010) and the United States, in New Orleans and Mississippi (in 2005) and in Alabama (2011).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The main activities of Fraternité Notre Dame over the past four years have been entirely in support of the development agenda of the Economic and Social

Council and the United Nations: eradication of poverty, achievement of primary education and improvement of health.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 2008 to 2011, Fraternité Notre Dame representatives attended the Department of Public Information/NGO briefings at United Nations Headquarters every week. They also attended numerous other meetings in New York, including the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2010 and the International Youth Assembly in July 2011. Oral and written statements by Fraternité Notre Dame were presented at the Human Rights Council in Geneva in September 2008 (on racism and xenophobia); March 2009 (on freedom of religion and minorities); May 2010 (on racism and racial discrimination); and in March, June and September 2011 on the same topics. Representatives of the organization participated in the twenty-third session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), held in April 2011 in Nairobi and in the annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conferences held at UNESCO in Paris in September 2008, in Melbourne, Australia, in September 2010 and in Bonn in September 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In Haiti, just after the 2010 earthquake, Fraternité Notre Dame coordinated humanitarian relief in the remote mountains above Port-au-Prince. Hundreds of tons of food, water, hygiene items, tarpaulins and blankets were distributed with the support of the United States Agency for International Development, the World Food Programme, the International Organization for Migration, UNICEF and the armies of the United States and Canada. UNICEF provided tents for the dispensary and the school. In 2011, Fraternité Notre Dame continued its partnership with the World Food Programme through the "Food and cash for work project". A first project was to build a road of over 7.3 km in the mountains, then 15,000 metres of protective ditches were dug; 7,745 cubic meters of dry support walls and 1,600 meters of live walls were erected; and 100,000 vetiver cuttings and 12,000 trees were planted.

In Niger, Fraternité Notre Dame was involved in the preparation of the Day of the African Child with UNICEF (in April/June 2009 and April/June 2010). In Mongolia, Fraternité Notre Dame attended a forum organized by the United Nations for the anniversary of children's rights in 2008.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- In Chicago in 2011, Fraternité Notre Dame provided food to about 139,000 persons through its feeding programmes; in New York in 2011, about 193,000 persons were served; and in San Francisco, around 48,000 meals were served to homeless people. Similar numbers were reached in previous years.
- In Haiti, during the 2011 cholera epidemic, an oral rehydration centre was set up at the Fraternité Notre Dame health centre. A cholera treatment unit for 253 patients was also opened.
- In Mongolia, the mission operated an orphanage, a soup kitchen and food pantry, and a kindergarten.

- In Niger, Fraternité Notre Dame has been running a medical clinic since 2001. In 2011, more than 17,000 patients came to the clinic. Food and sheets for lepers were provided. The school hosted 536 destitute students and the orphanage hosted 38 children. Similar numbers were cared for in the previous years.

9. Fundação de Assistencia Medica Internacional

Special, 2008

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, Fundação de Assistencia Médica Internacional opened a new health service facility in Portugal, to service and lodge people coming from the outer islands of the Azores archipelago. It also developed emergency missions in Zimbabwe (2008), Indonesia and the Philippines (2009), Haiti (2010) and Ethiopia (2011). Furthermore, the organization has decided to make the environment its fourth pillar of action, promoting campaigns to collect used products for recycling, as well as taking the environment into account in the design and implementation of all its projects.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Between 2008 and 2010, the Foundation participated in the United Nations campaign "We Can End Poverty 2015".
- In 2009, following the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, the International Year of Languages and the International Year of Planet Earth, the institution organized a forum entitled "Encounter of cultures: listen to integrate" from 21 to 24 May.
- The Foundation has been a participant in the United Nations Global Compact since 1st June 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- From 3 to 5 September 2008, representatives attended the 61st annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in Paris on the theme "Reaffirming human rights for all: the Universal Declaration at 60".
- From 6 to 11 September 2009, representatives attended the 62nd annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in Mexico City on the theme "For peace and development: disarm now".
- From 3 to 5 September 2011, representatives attended the 64th annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference in Bonn on the theme "Sustainable societies: responsive citizens".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Cooperation with UNICEF during a cholera outbreak in Guinea-Bissau in May 2008.
- Cooperation in a fundraising campaign for the World Food Programme in Sao Tome and Principe, October 2008, 2009 and 2010.

- Project in collaboration with UNICEF to build wells and latrines in schools on Bolama Island, Guinea-Bissau in 2009.
- Project in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration of management of three camps for internally displaced persons in Haiti in 2010.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization uses the Millennium Development Goals as guidelines for the design of all its development projects:

- In Afghanistan, Angola, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, China, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Malaysia, Mozambique, the Philippines, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste and Zimbabwe it provides access to schools and education for more than 3,400 children.
- It has supported the Millennium Development Goals in Afghanistan, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Senegal and Uganda by contributing to the empowerment of more than 700 women.
- It has supported the Millennium Development Goals in Angola, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Indonesia, Lebanon, Kenya, Senegal, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and the Occupied Palestinian Territory by providing access to health care in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and malaria for more than 125,000 people.
- It has supported the Millennium Development Goals in Australia, China, Guinea-Bissau, the Philippines, Sao Tome and Principe, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste, by contributing to the eradication of poverty and hunger through several projects, benefiting more than 4,700 people.
- It has supported the Millennium Development Goals in Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Burundi, Cape Verde, China, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Mozambique, Panama, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Timor-Leste and Zimbabwe by providing access to nutrition and health care for more than 23,000 children.
- It has supported the Millennium Development Goals in Bangladesh, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Lebanon and Senegal by providing access to health care for more than 2,700 women.
- It has supported the Millennium Development Goals in Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia and the Philippines by contributing to environmental sustainability through several projects benefiting more than 2,000 people.

10. Fundación Cultural Baur

Special, 2004

Introduction

Fundación Cultural Baur is an organization based in Mexico. Working from the principle that education is the most powerful force to form human beings, the organization facilitates work in human rights education, empowering children and

young people to assume responsibility for their society and the preservation of the planet.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization became a member of the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network in February 2012.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Examples of activities in support of the work of the United Nations include the following:

- Carol Baur, founder of the organization, was speaker at the Latin American congress in honour of educative quality in 2008 and received the title of ambassador of Latin America in education for human rights.
- The Baur interschool Model United Nations was held in Bajío, Mexico, in February 2008, March 2009 and January 2012.
- Participation in the Annual Conference on Teaching Peace and Human Rights, held at United Nations Headquarters and Adelphi University in 2008.
- Participation in the Annual United Nations International School Conferences in March 2008, March 2009, March 2010 and March 2011.
- Participation in the first Model United Nations at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México on 7 May 2010.
- Participation in the United Nations Television debate "Face to face" and in the special policy dialogue in 2010 at the Economic and Social Council on the role of women in countries in special situations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Annual United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conferences in Paris from 6 to 8 September 2008 and in Mexico City from 9 to 11 September 2009.
- Informal thematic debate: international migration and development on 19 May 2011.
- Economic and Social Council annual ministerial review, July 2011: the Foundation provided a written statement.
- Cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre in Mexico on a regional seminar entitled "United Nations and disarmament" on 2 June 2010.
- Educative encounter on the Holocaust on 21 April 2010. Workshops for Model United Nations organizers on 27 August 2009, 20 May 2010 and 12 May 2011.
- Speaker at a Department of Public Information/NGO meeting on 26 August 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has provided food and educational support to approximately 1,000 children annually for 20 years.

11. Fundación Para La Libertad "Askatasun Bidean"

Special, 2008

Introduction

Fundación Para La Libertad "Askatasun Bidean", also known as the Foundation For Freedom, was established in Spain in 2002 on the register of foundations of the Ministry of Culture.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization include the promotion and defence of the values enshrined in the Spanish constitution of liberty, equality, democracy and political pluralism, with an emphasis on the attack on these values by terrorist violence and from the perspective of the defence of human rights.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As a non-governmental organization with special consultative status, the organization contributes to the work of the United Nations by taking part in events organized by United Nations agencies and carrying out work on human rights through conferences, seminars and publications.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Since 2008, it has participated in most calls made by the Human Rights Council in Geneva for its plenary meetings, taking part in general discussions through oral and written interventions. Since 2009, its interventions have focused on the request for a special rapporteur to monitor the violations of human rights in Spain as a result of terrorism.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- In October 2009, a meeting was held at the Real Instituto Elcano (Madrid) with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- In March 2010, during the participation of the Foundation in the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, a meeting was held with a representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and a member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention.
- In September 2010, the Foundation participated in the fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council.
- During 2011, it worked in collaboration with other Spanish NGOs, particularly the Miguel Angel Blanco Foundation, in developing a project on the granting of special legal status for victims of terrorism. The work culminated in a panel presentation at the headquarters of the Human Rights Council in Geneva that addressed this issue and was attended by [[CO agreed to delete as no idea which SR involved. CG]]the High Commissioner and representatives of various States.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In relation to Goal 2 "Achieve universal primary education", the Foundation has been organizing education seminars incorporating the relevant vision of the United Nations.

Additional information

Over the years the Foundation has been developing intensive activity through seminars, publications and conferences in the defence of human rights, both domestically and internationally.

12. General Research Institute on the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Special, 2008

Aims and purposes of the organization

The General Research Institute on the Convention on the Rights of the Child works on advocacy for children's rights at the national and local levels in Japan. Its activities include the following:

- Promotion of comprehensive and multidisciplinary studies on children's rights.
- Promotion of children's rights in local communities principally through municipalities and NGOs.
- Promotion of global studies on children's rights, in particular in the Asian region.
- Consolidation of these functions as a centre of reference materials on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Surveys on and examination of practices and policies on children and advocacy on the basis of the outcomes of such studies.

Significant changes in the organization

Motivated by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the nuclear accidents at Fukushima in March 2011, further efforts by the Institute for advocacy on the development of child rights-based legislation and plans at the national and local levels were added to its aims and purposes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2008, the Institute further developed collaboration with experts and NGOs in the Republic of Korea, with a view to creating a network of experts and NGOs for the realization of children's rights in Asia (November 2008 and other occasions).

In 2009 the Institute:

- Co-organized the first Asian forum on the rights of the child, held in Seoul with the Korean Council for Children's Rights on 19 and 20 November. Representatives from China, Japan, Mongolia and the Republic of Korea took part in the forum.

- In August 2009, the Institute organized a forum to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in collaboration with NGOs concerned with the subject.

In 2010, the Institute brought together the relevant NGOs for consideration of the third periodic report of Japan by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, contributing to the preparation of reports by civil society and NGOs, to the dialogue with the Government and to the follow-up of the Committee's concluding observations.

In 2011, during the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council, the Institute proposed the development of United Nations guidelines concerning the protection of children's rights in massive disasters and respect for children's rights in reconstruction processes (A/HRC/18/NGO/4); it also organized the second Asian forum on the rights of the child in Tokyo in November 2011, in which researchers, government officials and NGOs from the region took part; and from October 2010 to December 2011, it participated in the NGO group in Japan working for the formulation and adoption of the third optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute:

- Observed the consideration of the third periodic report of Japan by the Committee on the Rights of the Child in May 2010 and provided information to the Committee).
- Participated in and made presentations to the pre-sessional working group of the Committee for consideration of the third periodic report of Japan and to the NGO forum held before the pre-sessional working group (February 2010).
- Participated in the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council and proposed the development of United Nations guidelines concerning the protection of children's rights in massive disasters and respect for children's rights in reconstruction processes.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In collaboration with the "Child-friendly Cities" project, undertaken by UNICEF for realization of the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the local level, the Institute has promoted the development and networking of child-friendly cities in Japan, including through the adoption of child rights ordinances.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In view of the fact that it is essential to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child for the realization of the Millennium Development Goals, the Institute has sought to develop an Asian network of researchers, experts, NGOs and government and local officials, including through the organization of the Asian forum on the rights of the child.

13. God's Harvest Foundation

Special, 2008

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of God's Harvest Foundation are to assist sections of society which are underprivileged and prepare them to take their place in life. It achieves these aims by (a) regular visits to prisons for rehabilitation programmes to influence the mindset of prisoners and provide counselling and support for capacity-building, as well as providing material support and (b) visits to orphanages and deprived areas to organize social awareness campaigns on the importance of education and to support the welfare of children.

Significant changes in the organization

Financial constraints prevented the Foundation from entering into further collaboration with other organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation has been seriously working on its project of rehabilitation of prison inmates to avert recidivism and continuous crime. It has also collaborated with NGO partners, which have embarked on an information and communication technology project to establish a computer training centre for the community in a junior high school, and with IDAY (International Day of African Childhood ... and its Youth) to hold an education programme on the eradication of malaria as it celebrated the Day of the African Child.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation has not participated in any of the forums of the United Nations; but is working hard to attend future events. It had an opportunity to participate in two important meetings focusing on the African child. In November 2011, representatives attended a global conference in Kampala related to child justice in Africa and later participated in drawing up the draft guidelines on action for children in the justice system in Africa. This was organized by the Africa Child Policy Forum and Defence For Children International, with UNICEF as a key partner.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2009, the NGOs working in the main prison in Ghana, the Nsawam Medium Security Prison, through their advocacy and in collaboration with UNICEF, won the approval of the Government of Ghana for the establishment of the education system from junior high school to university level in the prison, which the Foundation saw as a great achievement.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation did not participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies as it focused its activities on the development and implementation of programmes of education for prisoners to prevent recidivism and in social awareness campaigns for the education and welfare of the child, as well as in expanding its knowledge on the matter, partnering with other NGOs in pursuit of

these important goals. The Foundation contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in Ghana by providing financial support to the prisons and to orphanages for the welfare of children.

14. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society provides legal representation and social services to refugees and asylum seekers in the United States of America, assisting vulnerable populations from all over the world.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, the Society started providing psychosocial programmes to refugees in Panama. In 2011, it established a representative office in Paris.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- In 2009, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Refugee Trust of Kenya launched a programme providing sensitization training to humanitarian workers on sexual and gender-based persecution and direct assistance to its victims in East Africa. Advocacy efforts with UNHCR and policymakers in the United States have contributed to the momentum for realization of a global and United States national policy change for improved treatment of victims of sexual and gender-based persecution.
- As an implementing partner of UNHCR in Chad, the Society provides trauma counselling and social services in camps for refugees and facilitates relocation for those needing protection.
- In 2009, 2010 and 2011, the Society's psychosocial and community service programme in Chad reached tens of thousands of refugees and internally displaced persons. It has provided group-based services to children and adolescents, trained parents on the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and trained other NGO partners on the UNHCR code of conduct for humanitarian workers.
- On 3 and 4 August 2011, the Society nominated and sponsored six refugees to attend the inaugural UNHCR Refugee Congress, marking the 60th anniversary of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In 2008, representatives of the Society actively participated in the UNHCR annual consultations with NGOs in Geneva from 25 to 27 June, the UNHCR annual tripartite consultations on resettlement in Geneva from 30 June to 2 July, and the annual UNHCR Executive Committee meeting in Geneva from 6 to 10 October.
- In 2009, representatives of the Society actively participated in the UNHCR annual tripartite consultations on resettlement in Geneva from 30 June to

2 July and the Society's Country Director for Kenya made a presentation on the role of NGOs in refugee resettlement referrals and protection gaps facing victims of sexual and gender-based persecution. Representatives of the Society actively participated in the UNHCR annual consultations with NGOs in Geneva from 29 June to 1 July, and the annual UNHCR Executive Committee meeting in Geneva from 28 September to 2 October.

- In 2010, representatives of the Society actively participated in the UNHCR annual consultations with NGOs in Geneva from 29 June to 1 July, the UNHCR annual tripartite consultations on resettlement in Geneva from 6 to 8 July and the annual UNHCR Executive Committee meeting in Geneva from 4 to 8 October. Representatives of the Society also attended the UNHCR expert round table on asylum seekers and refugees seeking protection on account of their sexual orientation and gender identity in Geneva on 30 September and 1 October.

- In 2011, representatives of the Society actively participated in the UNHCR annual consultations with NGOs in Geneva from 28 to 30 June, the UNHCR annual tripartite consultations on resettlement in Geneva from 4 to 6 July and the annual UNHCR Executive Committee meeting in Geneva from 3 to 7 October. At the annual tripartite consultations on resettlement, the regional representative of the Society in Latin America, together with other NGOs, made a presentation on the activities, experiences and strengths of faith-based NGOs and on the status of refugees in the region.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- In 2010, the Society worked with UNHCR headquarters in Geneva to launch a new UNHCR-NGO toolkit for practical cooperation on resettlement.

- The Society is an implementing partner of UNHCR in Chad, Ecuador and Ukraine. Depending upon the needs in these countries, the Society assists refugees and/or asylum seekers with various psychosocial, legal, literacy and material assistance programmes.

- With assistance from the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture and UNHCR, the Society maintains a presence in Ecuador, Kenya and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) to operate programmes assisting refugee populations.

- Since 2010, the Society has been an implementing partner with the World Food Programme in Ecuador to provide essential food and non-food items to refugees.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- The Society's advocacy has focused on comprehensive immigration reform in the United States and internationally. It is expanding its efforts to promote just treatment of victims of sexual and gender-based persecution through direct service programmes in Africa, national advocacy in the United States and managing an intensive case management programme from New York for refugees and asylum seekers.

- The Society supports a network of 31 local agencies throughout the United States, which provide legal and social services to refugees, asylum seekers and other immigrants, including integration and citizenship programmes.

15. Help Handicapped International

Special, 2004

Introduction

From 2008 to 2011, Help Handicapped International brought to the forefront of its activities the aims of the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council of creating social progress, improving living standards, supporting human rights, furthering international educational cooperation and increasing employment opportunities. Help for persons with disabilities, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the initiatives of the World Health Organization focused on disability and the efforts of the Council to mainstream disability in development, has been a particular focus of its programmes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has improved living standards and human rights by:

- Conducting nearly 30 disability health camps across India, serving approximately 150,000 individuals with hearing impairments and physical disabilities through the distribution of Jaipur foots, crutches, wheelchairs, calipers, tricycles and hearing aids. These efforts culminated in three of the largest disability camps ever conducted.
- Managing three permanent orthopaedic assistance centres in India that provide free orthopaedic care to people year round.
- Donating medical equipment to 38 hospitals and care homes in South Asia, amounting to 209 pieces of equipment and 513 boxes and bags of medical supplies.
- Assisting survivors of the earthquake in Haiti, the floods in Bihar and Ladakh-Leh in India and the cyclone in Myanmar by distributing approximately 8,000 relief kits.
- Distributing garments to underprivileged people, including persons with disabilities. In 2010 and 2011 alone, the organization gave away 150,000 pieces of clothing.

Activities furthering educational cooperation and increased employment included:

- Distributing thousands of books, including 6,000 Braille books, to underfunded educational facilities and providing educational scholarships to almost 300 dependents of victims of the bomb blasts in Mumbai, India. The organization also encouraged school attendance through its food for education programme, which delivers daily meals to 7,000 children in night, pre- and unaided schools in Mumbai.
- Conducting vocational programmes and providing microcredit support to 1,913 street youth and migrants to improve employment prospects.

- Providing 175 physically challenged individuals with tricycles to use for income generation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In 2008, the managing trustee of the organization attended the general segment (18 to 24 July) and the high-level segment (30 June to 3 July) of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in New York. During the high-level segment, the organization showcased its work with landmine victims in Afghanistan, Burundi, and the Sudan at the innovation fair and made a statement.
- In 2009, the managing trustee attended the general segment of the substantive session of the Council in Geneva from 23 to 30 July.
- In 2010, the managing trustee attended the general segment of the substantive session of the Council in New York from 16 to 22 July.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the organization has supported Millennium Development Goals 1, 2, 4, and 8. It has supported ending poverty and hunger by creating programmes to increase employment opportunities. Projects have included a vocational training and microcredit programme for street youth and migrants and the distribution of vocational tricycles to persons with physical disabilities. The goal of universal education has been bolstered through scholarships provided by the organization for dependents of victims of the Mumbai bomb blasts, book distribution and its food for education programme. Child health has been given attention through its disability camps, which have included child beneficiaries, the food for education programmes and support for the Terry Fox Run, an annual event raising funds for young cancer patients. Through disaster relief efforts and supporting disability camps in developing countries, the organization has also encouraged a culture of forming global partnerships.